

Attorney Docket No. 01823/LH

This paper is being submitted
via EFS-Web on November 6, 2006

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the event that this Paper is
late filed, and the necessary
petition for extension of time
is not filed concurrently
herewith, please consider this
as a Petition for the requisite
extension of time, and to the
extent not already paid,
authorization to charge the
extension fee to Account
No. 06-1378. In addition,
authorization is hereby given to
charge any fees for which
payment has not been submitted,
or to credit any overpayments,
to Account No. 06-1378.

Applicant(s): Norikazu OCHIAI

Serial No. : 10/021,935

Confirm. No.: 2660

Filed : December 13, 2001

For : IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

Art Unit : 2622

Examiner : Robert N. Kang

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

S I R :

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed
August 8, 2006, the term for response to which expires on
November 8, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 7, 8, 13,
17, 19, 20 and 23 are amended; claims 2-5, 9-11, 14-16, 21 and 22
are maintained; and claims 6, 12, 18 and 24 are canceled.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.